Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The mission of the People to People Ambassador Program is to promote world peace through increased understanding between citizens of the world; and,

Whereas, President Dwight D. Eisenhower believed that ordinary citizens of different nations, if able to communicate directly, would solve their differences and find a way to live in peace. This simple thought – that people can make a difference where governments cannot – led to the foundation of People to People Ambassador Programs in 1956; and,

Whereas, Since founded by President Eisenhower in 1956, eight U.S. Presidents have served as the honorary chairman of People to People International: John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, Ronald W. Reagan, George H. W. Bush, William J. Clinton and George W. Bush; and,

Whereas, Thirty-two high school student ambassadors and three delegation leaders representing South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa will travel to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales for 3 weeks in July 2007; and,

Whereas, The delegation will meet with foreign officials, visit historical sites, experience the cultures of the four countries, take part in educational activities with local citizens and stay with host families during their travels; and,

Whereas, The student ambassadors have been studying for 6 months to learn about the countries they will visit and their roles as student ambassadors in preparation for their trip and will be recognized at a ceremony on May 6, 2007; and,

Whereas, As the student ambassadors travel under the banner of People to People, they represent the best characteristics of our country: hope, courage, openness and a love of peace:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2007, as

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE STUDENT AMBASSADOR DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State